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68th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

Virtual – via Zoom

14 April to 4 May 2021

Time-Zone – GMT/Banjul

Public Session Agenda

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 14 APRIL 2021

Item 1

09:30 – 10:30 Opening Ceremony (Public session)

10:30– 11:30 HEALTH BREAK

Item 2

11:30 – 12:00 Adoption of the Session Agenda (Private Session)

Item 3: Human Rights Situation in Africa

- a) Statements by State Delegates (**7 mins**)
- b) Statement by African Union Organs with a Human Rights Mandate (**5 mins**)
- c) Statements by Intergovernmental and International Organizations (**5 mins**)
- d) Statements by National Human Rights Institutions

- (5 mins)
e) Statements by Non-Governmental Organisations (5 minutes)

12:00 – 13:45 Human Rights Situation in Africa

END OF DAY 1

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 15 APRIL 2021

Item 4: Consideration of Applications for Observer and Affiliate Status

9:00– 10:30 Relationship and Cooperation with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

- a) Relationship and cooperation between the ACHPR and NGOs:
 - Consideration of Applications for Observer Status from NGOs

10:30– 11:30 *HEALTH BREAK*

Item 3 cont'd: Human Rights Situation in Africa

11:30 – 12:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

Item 5: Panels & Launches

12:30 – 13:45 Launch of the drafting of the proposed General Comment on Article 23 of the African Charter.

END OF DAY 2

DAY 3: FRIDAY, 16 APRIL 2021

Item 6: Consideration of State Reports

09:00 – 09:30 Status of Submission of State Party Report

**09:30 – 10:30 Report of the Republic of Malawi
(Presentation & Questions)**

- Welcome Remarks by the Chairperson (5 minutes)
- State Presentation (1 Hr)
- Questions by Commissioner Rapporteur (10 mins)
- Questions by Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa (SRRWA), on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) (10 minutes)
- Questions by other Special Mechanisms (7 mins)
- State Response (1Hr)
- Concluding remarks of the SRRWA on the Maputo Protocol (where applicable) (5 mins)
- Concluding remarks of Commissioner Rapporteur and Chairperson (10 mins)

10:30– 11:30 HEALTH BREAK

Item 6 cont'd Consideration of State Periodic Reports

11:30– 12:45 Report of the Republic of Malawi (Presentation & Questions) cont'd

Item 3 cont'd Human Rights Situation in Africa

12:45 – 13:45 Human Rights Situation in Africa

END OF DAY 3

DAY 4: SATURDAY, 17 APRIL 2021

Item 3 cont'd: **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

09:00 – 10:30 Human Rights Situation in Africa

10:30– 11:30 ***HEALTH BREAK***

Item 3 cont'd: **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

11:30 – 13:45 Human Rights Situation in Africa

END OF DAY 4

DAY 5: SUNDAY, 18 APRIL 2021

Preparation and review of communications and other working materials of the session

END OF DAY 5

DAY 6: MONDAY, 19 APRIL 2021

Item 6 cont'd **Consideration of State Periodic Reports**

09:00 – 10:30 Report of the Republic of **Malawi**
(State Response & Concluding Remarks by the Commission)

10:30– 11:30 ***HEALTH BREAK***

Item 7 **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms** (Presentations – 20mins, Interventions – States 5 mins, NGOs & NHRIs 3 mins)

11:30 – 13:45

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

- (i) Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities in Africa;
- (ii) Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Women in Africa;
- (iii) Chairperson of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV and those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV;
- (iv) Chairperson of the Working Group on the Rights of Older Persons and People with Disabilities in Africa;
- (v) Special Rapporteur on Prisons, Conditions of Detention and Policing in Africa;
- (vi) Chairperson of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture in Africa;
- (vii) Chairperson of the Working Group on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Africa;
- (viii) ACHPR Vice-Chairperson & Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa;
- (ix) Chairperson of the Working Group on Death Penalty and Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Killings and Enforced Disappearances in Africa;
- (x) Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants in Africa;
- (xi) Chairperson of the Working Group on Communications.
- (xii) Vice-Chairperson & Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders in Africa;
- (xiii) Chairperson of the ACHPR on activities of the Chairperson and the Bureau;
- (xiv) Chairperson of the Working Group on Extractive Industries, Environment and Human Rights Violations in Africa

END OF DAY 6

DAY 7: TUESDAY, 20 APRIL 2021

<u>Item 5 cont'd:</u>	Panels and Launches
09:00 – 10:30	Joint Panel on Violence against Women in Vulnerable Situations
10:30– 11:30	<i>HEALTH BREAK</i>
<u>Item 3 cont'd:</u>	Human Rights Situation in Africa
11:30 – 12:30	Human Rights Situation in Africa
<u>Item 5 cont'd</u>	Panels and Launches
12:30 – 13:45	Panel on Abuses against Migrants: The Addis Ababa Roapmap

END OF DAY 7

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, 21 APRIL 2021

<u>Item 6 cont'd:</u>	Consideration of State Periodic Reports
09:00 – 10:30	Report of the Republic of Niger (Presentation & Questions)
10:30– 11:30	<i>HEALTH BREAK</i>
<u>Item 6 cont'd</u>	Consideration of State Periodic Reports
11:30– 12:30	Report of the Republic of Niger (Presentation & Questions) contd.
<u>Item 5 cont'd</u>	Panels and Launches
12:30 – 13:45	Human and Peoples' Rights aspects of Arts, Culture and Heritage

END OF DAY 8

DAY 9: THURSDAY, 22 APRIL 2021

Item 5 cont'd

Panels and Launches

09:00 – 10:30

Launch of 9th Newsletter of the Committee on the Prevention of Torture in Africa (CPTA)

10:30– 11:30

HEALTH BREAK

Item 7 cont'd

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

11:30-13:45

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

END OF DAY 9

DAY 10: FRIDAY, 23 APRIL 2021

Item 6 cont'd:

Consideration of State Periodic Reports

09:00 – 10:30

Report of the Republic of **Niger**
(State Response & Concluding Remarks by the Commission)

10:30– 11:30

HEALTH BREAK

Item 5 cont'd:

Panels & Launches

11:30 – 12:30

Panel on Human Rights Defenders and Reprisals in Africa

Item 7 cont'd

Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

12:30 - 13:45 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

END OF DAY 10

DAY 11: SATURDAY, 24 APRIL 2021

Item 5 cont'd: **Panels & Launches**

09:00 -10:30 Launch of the Guidelines on the Right to Water in Africa & the Development of General Comments on the Role of Non-State Actors in providing Social Services

10:30- 11:30 ***HEALTH BREAK***

Item 7 cont'd **Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms**

11:30 - 12:30 Activity Reports of the Members of the Commission & Special Mechanisms

Item 3 cont'd: **Human Rights Situation in Africa**

12:30 - 13:45 Human Rights Situation in Africa

END OF DAY 11

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC SESSION, TO RESUME ON 4 MAY 2021

DAY 21: THURSDAY 4 MAY 2021 - CLOSING CEREMONY (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Item 8:

Closing Ceremony

10:00 – 11:30

Reading of the Final Communiqué and Closing Ceremony

END OF THE 68th ORDINARY SESSION
